

AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF: MAY 16, 2007

DEPARTMENT: NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES

DIRECTOR: STEPHEN HARSIN

☐ Consent ☒ Discussion

SUBJECT:

Discussion and possible action on a report from the Housing Authority (HACLV) – City of Las Vegas on the Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) Program for Hurricane Katrina victims - All Wards

Fiscal Impact



No Impact



Augmentation Required



Budget Funds Available

Amount:

Funding Source:

Dept./Division:

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

On August 29, 2005, Hurricane Katrina caused widespread devastation along the central Gulf Coast states. Cities such as New Orleans, LA, Mobile, AL and Gulfport, MS bore the brunt of Katrina's force. In response to the Katrina Disaster, the city of Las Vegas (Neighborhood Services) entered into a partnership with the HACLV to provide housing assistance for Katrina Evacuees that found their way to Las Vegas. On October 19, 2005, the City Council approved the allocation of \$1,000,000 in Low Income Housing Trust Fund (LIHTF) and Redevelopment Set-Aside funds (RDA) and assigned the HACLV the responsibility of administering the Katrina Victims Tenant Based Rental Assistance Program. Housing Assistance was provided to over 100 evacuees for a total of \$311,294.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends acceptance of the report by Mayor and Council.

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

Submitted at meeting – PowerPoint Presentation by Delores Sawyer

Motion made by GARY REESE to Approve to Accept the report

Passed For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0

BRENDA J. WILLIAMS, LOIS TARKANIAN, LARRY BROWN, OSCAR B. GOODMAN, GARY REESE, STEVE WOLFSON, STEVEN D. ROSS; (Against-None); (Abstain-None); (Did Not Vote-None); (Excused-None)

NOTE: MAYOR GOODMAN disclosed that he advised COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS that she did not have to abstain on this matter.

Minutes:

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STEPHEN HARSIN, Director of Neighborhood Services, went over the information under the Purpose/Background section.

CARL ROWE, Executive Director, and DOLORES SAWYER, Housing Programs Director, BRENDA FONSECA, Housing Programs Manager, and FATHER DAVE CASSEGLIO, Chairman, Las Vegas Housing Authority, were present. MS. SAWYER gave a detailed PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which is made a part of the minutes, to outline the efforts in the Katrina Evacuees Program.

MS. SAWYER thanked the Council , City, staff, the Housing Authority Board and HACLV for their contributions in making Las Vegas' Section 8 program one of the best, for which the Housing Authority received an award from the National Association of Redevelopment. She gave the plaque to the Mayor.

MAYOR GOODMAN noted that the Las Vegas Housing Authority took a lot of heat and was the subject of a lot of criticism, but MR. ROWE turned it around completely, and it is moving forward.

